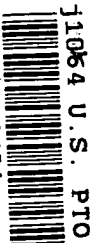


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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/333,083

Prior application information: Examiner: K. Kevin Mun Group/Art Unit: 3641

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FEE CALCULATION

1. Basic Filing Fee:

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106	\$320.00	206	\$160.00	Design Filing Fee	
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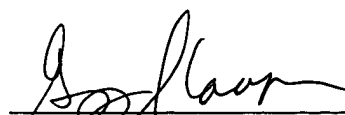
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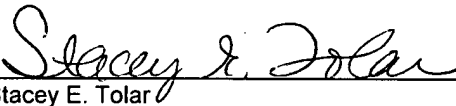
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

TIPPMANN PNEUMATICS, INC., a Corporation of Indiana, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor, Dennis J. Tippmann, Jr., of the U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial Number 09/333,083, filed on June 14, 1999, entitled GUN HAVING A CURVED BARREL. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 010151, Frame 0936.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

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